OPENING MARKET STRONG

Material Advances in Americans in London the Cause.

Burlington, St. Paul, and Union and Northern Pacific Features-Southern Pacific Reactionary-Heavy Realizing Sales on the Short Side.

YORK, April 24.—The London rket for American stocks was show this morning materially above the local closing prices of yesterday and largely ence of that circumstace th The gains in a number of stocks n the initial transactions were in excess

art from the tendency of the London Apart from the tracking movel engaged attention upon the opening of business. The severe reaction of the past few days seemed, however, to have brought new buying or ders into the market and the trading in the early dealings was particularly ani

local money market of the floating here of a part of the British war loan appear d to prevail and in consequence the apprehension at first entertained that some stringency might develop, disappeared.

The market was still characterized by good deal of feverishness, as was only atural in view of its recent unsettled state. Continued heavy liquidation ap-peared in certain directions and there was noted extensive operations on the

Strong and active features at the opening were St. Paul, Wisconsin Central, Union Pacific, Southern Rafiway, Burlington and Quiney, and Texas and Pacific, Southern Pacific was again somewhat reactionary on profit taking sales.

The local traction group was generally strong with spirited advances showing in Manhattan Elevated and Brooklyn Rapid Transit. The United States Steel stocks on heavy transactions moved within narrow limits. Amalgamated Copper opened materially above yesterday's final prices but subsequently receded.

Little of interest transpired in the dealings in the industrial quarter at large. After the opening dealings the market showed renewed appearances of irregularity. Strong and active features at the open

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| | pen. | | | | Central. 2 Farmers and Mechanics' | | |
| Amer. Steel & Wire | 97.74 | 41.34 | 41.54 | 9174 | Farmers and Mechanics' 2 | | |
| American Sugar | 140 | 19714 | 19512 | 1963/ | Second | | |
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| Atchison, pfd | 0478 | 0779 | 00 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 1 | 9634 | Columbia 1 | | |
| Raltimore & Ohio | 97-14 | 9614 | 5437 | 9544 | Capital | | |
| Baltimore & Ohio Baltimore & Ohio, pfd | 91 | 9134 | 91 | 914 | Traders' 1 | | |
| Brooklyn Rapid Transit | 8436 | 85.20 | 83% | 83% | Lincoln | | |
| Chesaneake & Ohio | 4736 | 4736 | 4736 | 4736 | RAILROAD STOCKS. | | |
| Chesapeake & Ohio Chicago B. & Q | 196% | 196% | 196 | 126 | Capital Traction | | |
| Chi & Northwestern | 203 | 207 | 205 | 20 | Capital Traction | | |
| C. M. & St. Paul | 10472 | | | | INSURANCE STOCKS | | |
| Chi. R. I. & Pacific | 153 | 100 | 15934 | 152% | | | |
| Chi. & Great West | 2234 | 23 | 224 | 23 | Firemen | | |
| Colorado Fuel & Iron | | | 93 | | Franklin | | |
| Consolidated Gas | 231 | 231% | 22934 | 231.56 | Metropolitan | | |
| Continental Tobacco | 4534 | 4536 | 45 | 45 | Potemae | | |
| Continental Tob. pfd | 104 | 104 | 103 % | 103% | | | |
| Illinois Central | 140 % | 142 | 140% | 14134 | Arlington | | |
| Louisville & Nashville | 104% | 105% | 104% | 10414 | Varional Cipion | | |
| Metropolitan Traction | 17234 | 174 | 172 | 172 | National Union | | |
| Manhattan E.evated Missouri Pacific | 128 | 128% | 1:7% | 12739 | Riggs | | |
| Missouri Pacific | 107 | 108% | 107 | 10774 | People's | | |
| M . K & T., pfd | 6578 | 60% | 63 | 64 | Commercial | | |
| New York Central | | | | | Colonial | | |
| N. Y. O. & W | | | | | TITLE INSURANCE STOCK | | |
| Northern Pacific | 103 | 105 | 103 | 104 | | | |
| Northern Facific, pfd | 951/2 | 59% | | | Real Estate Title | | |
| Pacifi: Mail | 38 | 40 | 37% | | Columbia Title | | |
| Pennsylvania Railroad | 159 | 160 | 159 | 159% | Washington Title | | |
| People's Gas | 113% | 115 | 113% | 113% | District Title | | |
| Reading ürst pfd Southern Pacific | 10 | 10% | 13% | 10% | TELEPHONE STOCKS. | | |
| Southern Facility | 20.0 | S. 20 | JU 78 | 00 79 | Chesapeake & Potomac | | |
| Southern Railway, pfd | 20% | 20% | 29% | 20 % | GAS STOCKS. Washington Gas | | |
| Texas Pacific | 4750 | 2000 | 47 | 47 | Washington Gas | | |
| Tennessee ('oa) & Iron. | 6614 | 87.56 | 65% | 66 | Georgetown Gas | | |
| Tennessee Coal & Iron Union Pacific | 935 | 10634 | 9946 | 105 | MISCELLANEOUS STOCK | | |
| Union Pacific, pfd | 8.36 | 91 | 8734 | 9074 | Mergenthaler Linotype | | |
| U. S. Leather | . 13% | 1436 | | | Lanston Monotype | | |
| Il & Leatner ofd - | 76% | 77.4 | 7636 | 77 | American Graphophone | | |
| U. S. Rubber | 21 | 21 | 21 | 21 | American Graphophone, pfd | | |
| Wabash, pld | 39% | 40% | 39% | 39% | Pneumatic Gun Carriage | | |
| U. S. Rubber | 93 | 93 | 92% | 102% | Washington Market | | |
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| Erie | 37 % | 38 1/2 | 3.5 | 31% | *Ex-dividend. | | |
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The market was supported by the important people this morning, by manipulation of the London market, and by pur-chase on this side, and until after II o'clock prices held their own well, at a level somewhat above the close of yester-day. The outlook is not good, however, for a resumption of the upward movement and it now seems probable that the prices of last Monday will prove to be the highest of the boom in the greater part of the list The liquidation has been immense. The market is honeycombed with stop loss orders, and the professional bear operators are well aware of this, and will make a strong attempt to reach them on the first sign of weakness. Conservative people already have liquidated their holdings in the high-priced issues, and will not be hurt by a break, even if it reaches important pro-portions, as is not unlikely. The people that are not conservative have not sold, and will not probably until they are wiped out. They are the class that menace the present situation, as their margins are not large, and they have no judgment.

It wil be a most interesting struggle to witness, that of the inside cliques to hold they may still wish to do. There is always the possibility, of course, that they may be powerful enough to accomplish their purpose. This is not the first time that the market has looked topheavy, and before it has recovered every time. Careful people, however, believe that the end of the boom has arrived.

The exports of gold this week will probably exceed \$3,000,000. The subscriptions on this side to the British bond is sue will probably cause still further ship ments during the coming month or two. The money market will be watched with much interest by the Street.

The advance in Southern Pacific was work of a clique. The weakness of the stock yesterday seemed to indicate that the clique has completed its opera-tions. The talk of a dividend for the stock is still heard, but as far as can b learned it is not based on any official o even semi-official suggestion. The con pany is making a magnificent earnings showing. It is said that it earns more per mile than any of the other great western systems. But the road is not in the best of physical conditions and its expenditures for improvements during the next year or two will necessarily be

Tobacco was extremely weak on the opening today.

The boom in Colorado Fuel and Iron reprebable the public is not being duped into buying the stock very heavily. There is the difference in the case of the Western company that Mr. Gates apparently is actually buying the stock rather heavily in the hope of securing control. The end of the boom can only be the same, however. Mr. Gates is one of the tax.

Some market people are of the opinion that the tractions will be held strong, and even perhaps boomed, while the remainder of the market is allowed to sag. The same may be said of the Steel securities.

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| Bid. | Asked. |
| U. S. 2's, R. 1900-30, Q. J 10614 U. S. 2's, C. 1900-30, Q. J 10634 | 106% |
| U. S. 2's, C, 1900-30, Q. J 13634 | 106% |
| U. S. 3's, R, 1908, Q. F 1101/9 | 110% |
| U. S. 3's, R. 1908, Q. F | 11134 |
| U. S. 4's, 1906, Q. J 113% | 113% |
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| U. S. 4's, R. 1925 138% | 13954 |
| U. S. 4's, C. 1925 159% | 140% |
| U. S. 5's, R. 1904 | 11154 |
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| DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA BONDS | |
| Funding currency, 3.65's 1231/6 | |
| MISCELLANEOUS BONDS. | |
| Capital Traction R. R. 4's 10814 | 100 |
| Wash. Truc. & Elec. Coll. 41/2's 67/2 | 109 |
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| Met. R. R. Cert Indebtedness B 107% | **** |
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| Columbia R. R. 2d mort. 5's 107 | - |
| City & Suburban R. R 92 | |
| Anacostia & Potomae 5's | **** |
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| Wash, Gas. Co., ser. A, 6's, 1902-'27 110 | *** |
| Wash, Gas. Co., ser. B, 6's, 1901-'25 113 | **** |
| U. S. Elec. Light, Deb. Imp., 1997, 195 | 108 |
| U. S. Elec. Light, Cert. Indebt 103 | 108 |
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| 66 | Georgetown Gas | | |
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Two Lives Lost as the Result of a

Woman's Action.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., April 24.-Mrs. John James, living at Southport, seven miles south of this city, rose at 5 o'clock yesterday morning and found the fire in the heating stove, as she thought, entirely out. She poured coal oil on some kindling wood, which she had placed in the stove and this was followed in an instant by a terrinc explosion, setting fire to the house. The woman was so badly burned that she died an hour later. Mr. James, who was in bed at the time, jumped up to extinguish the fire. The bed clothing hecame ignited and an infant child was suf-focated before it could be rescued. Mr. James was terribly burned and two children sleeping in an adjoining room were also burned. The house was destroyed.

KENTUCKY'S FRANCHISE TAX. A Heavy Assessment on All the Railroads in the State.

FRANKFORT, Ky., April 24.—The State
Board of Valuation and Assessment has
fixed the franchise tax on the raffroad
property of the State. The assessment is levied on 80 per cent of the capital stock seen them through the Smith telescope of the companies, computed on a basis of and they have been viewed times with-6 per cent of net earnings of the roads The assessment is made from the date of the new revenue law in 1893 and amounts to hundreds of thousands of dollars. The who believe that Mars is inhabitable, and sembles that in Tennessee Coal and Iron a board holds that in addition to a State I do not think Mr. Holden's assumptions year or more ago, so much that it is franchise tax the roads are also liable for to the contrary are warranted by the board holds that in addition to a

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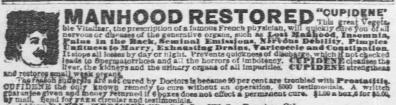
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most unscrupulous of market manipula-tors himself, and it is doubtful if he could learn anything from the Hanover Bank coterie in the matter of market rigging. If he gets control of Colorado Fuel and Iron he will probably sell out very quick-ly. If he does not the present fictitious prices will be wiped out in short order.



A PECULIAR FREIGHT WRECK.

One Man Killed and Two Badly

Hurt at Cambridge, Ohio. CAMBRIDGE, Ohio, April 24.—A peculiar railroad accident occurred here at 2:15 o'clock this morning in which one man was killed and two seriously injured. The Baltimore and Ohio and Cincinnati and Muskingum Valley Railroad tracks parallel each other through the town and cross about 200 yards from the Baltimore and Ohio depot. A Cincinnati and Muskingum Valley-freight, running at a high rate of speed, was broken in two at the crossing and the rear end, consisting of six loaded coal cars and a caboose, ran down the Baltimore and Ohlo tracks and crashed into the depot. The building was com-pletely demolished and the wild cars crashed into a Baltimore and Ohio train standing on the track derailing and smashing several cars.

At the time of the accident nine men were in the depot. Shad Johns, engineer of the Baltimore and Ohio train was killed. R. G. Woodruff, another Baltimore and Ohio engineer, had a foot cut off, a knee crushed, and several ribs broken. Frank Hoke, telegraph operator, was hurled clear over the Baltimore and Ohio train and suffered the fracture of a collarbone, bruised hip, and other injuries. An operator named Kline escaped with slight injuries. The other five men who were in the depot were not hurt. Johns, the engineer, was a resident of Newark, here he leaves a wife and two children

INDICTED FOR MURDER.

Skinner Accused of Killing Dr. Hal Scruggs in Memphis.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., April 24.—J. W. Skinner, the wealthy dairyman who was arrested a few days ago, charged with the assassination of Dr. Hal Scruggs, who was shot in the back while returning from essional call, was indicted by grand jury yesterday. Skinner, who was out on bail, awaiting the action of the jury, was rearrested and placed in jail Skinner still denies all knowledge of the crime. The latest developments strengthen the theory that the murde was the result of a deep laid plot, following a political feud. Today the detec tives learned that several attempts wer made the day before the crime to lure the physician to Binghampton, just outside of the town. He answered one call to the town, but failed to respond to a second. On the first trip he was accompanied by a friend named Rawlins.
It is now believed that, had he been

alone, he would have been assassinated on

A THEORY CONCERNING MARS. Dr. Brooks Believes the Markings Indicate Vegetation on the Banks.

Observatory in this city, intimated in a lecture Monday evening that he considered Mars an inhabitable planet. He said that what are commonly called Martian canals are not the canals themselves but vegetaday he was asked whether the theory of Edward S. Holden that Mars is unin habitable is general among progressive astronomers, he said:

"Mr. Holden's opinion is worth no more than the opinion of any other one man. I is experience as an astronomer has been wide and his views are worthy of attention, but the statement that astronomers generally discount the canals of Mars theory is untrue. On the contrary, the leading astronomers of the day are satisfied that such canals exist. Mr. Holden is

out number through other large telescopes by men whose intelligence and veracity cannot be questioned. I am one of those

"He asserts that if a man were to be transported to the planet he would freeze in an incalculable space of time. Now, that is pure guesswork. There is every reason to believe that Mars is inhabitable just as the earth is inhabitable."

FOR A NEW CONSTITUTION.

The Call for an Alabama Convention Receives a Big Vote. MONTGOMERY, Ala., April 24.-The election was held in Alabama yesterday to determine whether a convention should be held in this city, beginning May 21, for the purpose of re-forming the consti-tution of the State to latter-day needs chief among which is deemed to be the disfranchisement of the ignorant negro. The returns leave no room for the

Mr. Morgan to Leave London. LONDON, April 24.-J. Pierpont Morgan is about to leave London for Aix-lesFINANCIAL.

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TEXAS OIL LAND PRICES.

for Property Bought for \$75,000. AUSTIN, Tex., April 24.—Ex-Gov James
Hogg, who purchased a small tract of MARTIN, Room 34, Warder Bldg. AUSTIN, Tex., April 24.-Ex-Gov James

oil land south of Beaumont about ten days ago, for \$75,000, was yesterday offered \$700,000 cash for the property. He declin-

Mr. Hogg is now rated as a millionaire He has had phenomenal success in the new oil fields, and is interested in several of the biggest interests there. In addition of the biggest interests there. In addition to his holdings near Beaumont, he own: a large tract of land near the mouth of the Brazos, for which he paid \$24,000; few days ago. This latter tract is also oil land, and it has increased in value over 5 per cent since Mr. Hogg purchased it. The ex-Governor says he is out of politics for good.

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